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SUMMARY: ROK FORMER PRIMIN'S VISITS TO AFRICAN AND LATIN AMERICAN NATIONS AS PRESIDENTIAL SPECIAL ENVOY RATED AS SUCCESS BY MOFA OFFICIALS. TRIP DESIGNED TO PROMOTE BI-LATERAL RELATIONS BETWEEN ROK AND COUNTRIES VISITED, ROK POSITION ON KOREAN QUESTION IN THE UN, AND KIM'S OWN REEMERGENCE AS POLITICAL FIGURE. END SUMMARY.

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1. ROK FORMER PRIMIN KIM CHONG-P'IL RETURNED TO SEOUL APRIL 11 FOLLOWING MISSION AS PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL ENVOY TO TEN AFRICAN AND LATIN AMERICAN NATIONS. MOFA OFFICIALS TOLD EMBOFFS KIM MISSION'S OBJECTIVES WERE LIMITED MOSTLY TO CULTIVATING OLD FRIENDSHIPS RATHER THAN WINNING NEW ONES, AND ENCOURAGING ECONOMIC COOPERATION WITHOUT

ENTERING INTO DETAILED NEGOTIATIONS. NONETHELESS, MOFA OFFICIALS READILY AGREED WITH KIM'S OWN EVALUATION REPORTED IN APRIL 12 SEOUL PRESS THAT MISSION HAD SERVED ROK INTERESTS WELL.

2. VISITS TO AFRICAN NATIONS OF MOROCCO (FEBRUARY 22-24), ZAIRE(MARCH 2-6), AND IVORY COAST (MARCH 6-10), ALL UNDERSCORED FRIENDLY RELATIONS ROK ENJOYS WITH THEM. MOROCCO AND IVORY COAST LEADERS PLEDGED SUPPORT FOR KOREA IN INTERNATIONAL FORA. MOFA OFFICIALS SAID KIM "DID NOT HAVE TIME" TO SPECIFICALLY DISCUSS UN POLITICS IN KINSHASA, BUT EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE IN ZAIRE'S SUPPORT NONETHELESS. RABAT VISIT PERHAPS EXCEEDED ALL OTHERS IN CONCRETE, BUT MODEST, ACCOMPLISHMENTS, AMONG THEM KIM'S AGREEMENT KOREA WILL BUY 30,000 TONS OF PHOSPHATE, AND KING HASSAN'S OFFER TO HELP WITH ROK APPROACH TO NOUAKCHOTT. MOROCCANS ALSO RAISED QUESTION OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE, WHICH KIM SIDESTEPED BY SUGGESTING DETAILS BE DISCUSSED WITH ROK AMBASSADOR. MOFA OFFICIALS TOLD EMBOFFS SOMEWHAT GUARDEDLY THAT NO PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE IN PAST YEAR ON ISSUE OF ROK MILITARY ASSISTANCE FOR MOROCCO. ZAIRE AND IVORY COAST VISITS AS DESCRIBED BY MOFA OFFICIALS APPEAR TO HAVE INVOLVED MUCH CEREMONY AND DISCUSSION WITH SATISFYING ATMOSPHERICS, BUT LITTLE CONCRETE ACCOMPLISHMENT. MOFA OFFICIALS TOLD EMBOFF ZAIRE REFRAINED COMPLETELY FROM ANY FURTHER PURSUIT QUESTION OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE RAISED BY SPECIAL ENVOY ENGULU DURING HIS SEOUL VISIT FEBRUARY 1976. (ZAIRE VICE SPEAKER BOMANDEKE BONYEKA ARRIVED IN SEOUL APRIL 18 TO DISCUSS UNDEFINED "MUTUAL COOPERATION" WITH ROKG AND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY LEADERS.)
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3. DAKAR WAS THE EXCEPTION IN AFRICA. MOFA NEITHER POINTS TO ANY PARTICULAR ACCOMPLISHMENT DURING SENEGAL VISIT (FEBRUARY 26-MARCH 2) CONSISTING ENTIRELY OF INCONCLUSIVE POLITICAL DISCUSSIONS, NOR EXPECTS SENEGAL'S POSITION TO TURN AROUND SOON. STILL, MOFA OFFICIALS NEVER TIRE OF REVIEWING MYRIAD TANTALIZING HINTS THEY SEE THAT DAKAR LEADERS WILL EVENTUALLY GIVE ROK SOME INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT. BEST HINT SO FAR IS PRESIDENT SENGHOR'S LETTER TO PRESIDENT PAK (REF C) SENT AFTER KIM VISIT. KOREAN OFFICIALS EXPRESSED GRATITUDE TO EMBOFFS FOR U.S. ASSISTANCE IN IMPROVING DAKAR ATMOSPHERE, PARTICULARLY MENTIONING JUNE 1976 SCRANTON MISSION.

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4. MOFA OFFICIALS ALSO EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH KIM'S SWING THROUGH SOUTH AMERICA (BRAZIL, MARCH 16-19; ARGENTINA, MARCH 19-22; CHILE, MARCH 22-23; PERU, MARCH 23-27; COLOMBIA, MARCH 27-29; AND COSTA RICA, MARCH 29-31), BUT DID NOT REPORT ANY EVENTS OF GREAT SIGNIFICANCE. MOFA CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICAN DIVISION CHIEF HWANG YONG-CHAE REMARKED TO EMBOFF APRIL 13 THAT SINCE IN GENERAL ROK POLITICAL OBJECTIVES IN SOUTH AMERICA ARE FAIRLY SECURE, SPECIAL PRESIDENTIAL ENVOYS SELDOM HAVE A DIFFICULT TIME. HWANG SAID KIM EXPLAINED ROK UN AND REUNIFICATION POLICIES TO HIS HOSTS, AND GOT SATISFACTORY, ALBEIT VARIED, EXPRESSIONS OF SUPPORT AT EACH STOP. MOFA OFFICIALS
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MENTIONED SPECIAL SATISFACTION WITH PERU'S "AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE FULLY SUPPORTING ROK". KIM ALSO SPENT MUCH TIME ENCOURAGING ECONOMIC COOPERATION AGREEMENTS IN GENERAL TERMS. HWANG SAID THE KIM MISSION MAY ENCOURAGE ROKG RECONSIDERATION OF ITS OWN EMIGRATION POLICIES IN

LIGHT OF SOME SOUTH AMERICAN CRITICISM. ARGENTINIANS APPARENTLY MENTIONED LACK OF RESOURCES AND SKILLS OF IMMIGRANTS FROM ROK. HOWEVER, HWANG ALSO STRESSED THAT EMIGRATION POLICY IS NOT A BI-LATERAL ISSUE BETWEEN ROK AND SOUTH AMERICAN NATIONS.

5. EMBASSY APPRECIATES NUMEROUS EXCELLENT TELEGRAMS FROM ADDRESSEES POSTS DESCRIBING KIM'S ACTIVITIES.

6. COMMENT: KIM IS A SKILLFUL POLITICIAN AND UNDERSTANDS AND COMMUNICATES ROK INTERESTS AND OBJECTIVES WELL. TRIP APPARENTLY ACCOMPLISHED ITS MODEST, OSTENSIBLE PURPOSE OF CALLING ATTENTION OF NATIONS VISITED TO ADVANTAGES OF BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH ROK, AS WELL AS TO ROK POSITION ON KOREAN QUESTION IN UN.

7. NOT INCIDENTALLY IT HAS ALSO CALLED SOME RENEWED ATTENTION AT HOME TO KIM'S POLITICAL STRENGTHS AND FORTUNES. IT COMES AS LITTLE SURPRISE THAT AFTER A BIT MORE THAN A YEAR IN LIMBO, KIM IS TAKING HIS FIRST STEP BACK TOWARD CENTER OF ROK DOMESTIC POLITICAL SCENE.
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